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URBAN DISTRICT OF NEW HUNSTANTON.



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER

31st, 1952.

Council Offices,
HUNSTANTON.

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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NEW HUNSTANTON

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1952.

Area (in acres): 1498 (including 434 acres of Foreshore).

Registrar-General's estimate of
resident population: 3490

Number of inhabited houses (end of
1952) according to Rate Books: 1171

Rateable value and sum represented
by a penny rate: £36510.
£146.

Social condition, including the
chief industries carried on in
the area, and the extent of
unemployment: None.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS.

	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	71	33	32	Birth rate per 1000 estimated resident Population 1952 - 20.3.
Illegitimate	6	4	2	

Area Comparability
Factor - 1.00

STILL BIRTHS.

Legitimate	3	2	1	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births - 45.
Illegitimate	-	-	-	

DEATHS.

Death from all causes.	54	19	35	Rate per 1000 estima- ted population -15.4

Deaths from puerperal
causes:-

Puerperal sepsis	-	-	-	Area Comparability Factor - 0.77
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Other puerperal
causes

-	-	-	
-	-	-	



Deaths of infants under one year of age:-	2
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age:-	1
<u>DEATH RATE</u> All infants, per 1000 live births	.39
Legitimate infants per 1000 Legitimate live births:	NONE
Illegitimate infants per 1000 Illegitimate live births:	NONE

	Total	M.	F.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	7	4	3
Measles (all ages)	-	-	-
Whooping cough (all ages)	-	-	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has been received or required comment:- NONE.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year: any conditions of occupation or environment, which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health; and any evidence, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults:- NONE.

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. One part-time Medical Officer of Health, Building Surveyor, Additional Sanitary Inspector, District Nurse.
2. (a) Laboratory facilities: None other than Medical Research Council Laboratory at the Norwich City Isolation Hospital.
- (b) Ambulance Facilities: For non-infectious and accident cases a Daimler Motor ambulance is provided by a Local Committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society conjointly for use in the District. It is worked by a Local Committee and is self-supporting as far as possible. (After 1/5/48 taken over by Norfolk County Council, but run for them by the Committee referred to above.)
- (c) Nursing in the home: The District Nurse undertakes this.
- (d) Treatment centres and clinics, including clinics used solely for diagnoses or consultation: This work is undertaken at the King's Lynn Hospital.
- (e) Hospitals, Public and Voluntary: None other than the King's Lynn Hospital.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The sewage disposal plant at New Hunstanton has operated satisfactorily during the year.

Work commenced towards the end of the year on the construction of the ejector houses on the South Beach and at the Sewage Works, although the plant will not be delivered until the Spring of 1953. The installation should be in full operation by the Summer of 1953.

The scheme for the sewerage of Hunstanton North and the ejection of the sewage to the New Hunstanton works received Ministry Approval during the year and work has commenced on the scheme. Pending the completion of this Scheme the existing plant at Hunstanton North is being operated as satisfactorily as possible.

2. House Refuse.

A weekly collection of house refuse was maintained throughout the year. During the summer months all catering establishments, hotels, boarding houses, and sea front kiosks and cafes received special attention, collections varying from twice weekly to daily.

Refuse is disposed of on two sites by controlled tipping. During the period May - September, the quarry tip on Redgate Hill was used and during the period October - April, disposal was carried out on the South Beach tip adjacent to the Sewage Disposal Works.


The South Beach Tip may be utilised for one further winter by extending the area of tipping into the corner of the sewer field adjacent to the Public Conveniences but after the winter of 1953-54 new tipping ground must be sought as the Redgate Quarry will also be tipped to capacity by the Autumn of 1955 or 1956.

3. Water Supply.

The amount of water pumped during the year 1952 was 96,091,000 gallons as compared with 86,429,000 gallons in 1951. The amount pumped per month varied from a peak of 12,011,000 gallons in July, as compared with 11,049,000 gallons in August 1951, to a minimum of 6,209,000 gallons in January, compared with 4,718,000 gallons in April, 1951.

The upward trend during the winter months may be due, apart from the gradually increasing residential population, permanent habitation in the town of a large number of American families.

Fifteen samples of water were submitted for bacteriological analyses during the year. One unsatisfactory report was received on a sample of water taken from the intake chamber before chlorination.



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A sample taken on the same date after chlorination was "highly satisfactory". As previously reported there are indications that surface water gains access to the spring after periods of heavy rainfall. As a precaution the chlorine dosage is increased at such periods.

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS.

<u>Analysis.</u>	<u>Before or after chlor- ination.</u>	<u>No. of Choliform Bacilli, MacConkey 2 days, 37C per 100 ml.</u>	<u>No. of Faecal B.Coli per 100 ml.</u>	<u>Report.</u>
1.	After	0	0	Highly Satisfactory
2.	Before	0	0	" "
3.	After	0	0	" "
4.	Before	5	0	-
5.	After	0	0	Highly Satisfactory
6.	Before	7	4	Unsatisfactory
7.	After	0	0	Highly Satisfactory
8.	Before	0	0	" "
9.	After	0	0	" "
10.	After	0	0	" "
11.	Before	0	0	" "
12.	After	0	0	" "
13.	After	0	0	" "
14.	After	0	0	" "
15.	Before	0	0	" "

All houses within the Urban District have direct mains supply of water with the exception of 29 houses in Hunstanton North which have mains supply from communal taps.

5. Public Conveniences.

There are six public conveniences controlled by the Council within the Urban District. Full-time attendants are employed at two of the conveniences during the summer months.

The scheme for a new block of conveniences on the North Promenade to replace those destroyed during the war has again been put forward and it is hoped that approval will be forthcoming as it is considered vital in the interests of Public Health that additional conveniences should be provided at an early date.

6. Camping Grounds.

<u>No. of Licensed Sites.</u>	<u>Total No. of dwellings Licensed.</u>	<u>No. of in- spections made.</u>	<u>Defects ob- served and remedied.</u>
7	592	78	11

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of inspections.</u>	<u>No. of written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	16	18	-	-
Other premises under the Act.	8	16	-	-
TOTAL	24	34	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found.</u>		<u>Referred</u>		<u>No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.</u>
	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector.</u>	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

SECTION D. HOUSING.

1. Requisitioned Property.

Under the policy of progressively releasing requisitioned properties the number under requisition fell during the year from 27 to 22. The 22 properties house 36 families.

2. Council Housing Estates.

(a) Park Road Estate.

Comprises 5 Bungalows for aged persons.

(b) Sea Lane Estate. Hunstanton North.

Comprises 8 Duplex Flats and 12 semi-detached 3-bedroom houses.

- (c) The Sandringham.
Comprises 12 self-contained flats.
- (d) Hill Street Estate.
At the beginning of the year 24 3-bedroom houses were occupied. A further 14 3-bedroom and 2 2-bedroom houses were occupied during the year making a total of 40 houses in occupation. A further 12 2-bedroom houses are in course of construction.

The programme completes the original estate of 52 houses.

Land adjacent to the existing estate has been purchased and a layout approved for a further 94 houses. A contract for 48 2-bedroom houses on this site has been let and work should commence early in 1953.

The total number of houses occupied or under construction is as follows:-

<u>Bungalows.</u>	<u>Occupied.</u> <u>Flats.</u>	<u>3-Bedroom</u> <u>Houses.</u>	<u>2-Bedroom</u> <u>Houses.</u>	<u>Under Construction.</u> <u>2-Bedroom</u> <u>Houses.</u>
5	20	50	2	12

3. Private Houses.

The number of private houses completed and occupied during the year was 9, and 5 existing properties were converted into 12 flats.

4. Housing Act, 1936.

A number of inspections were carried out under the Housing Act, 1936 and, where necessary, informal notices were served.

SECTION E.

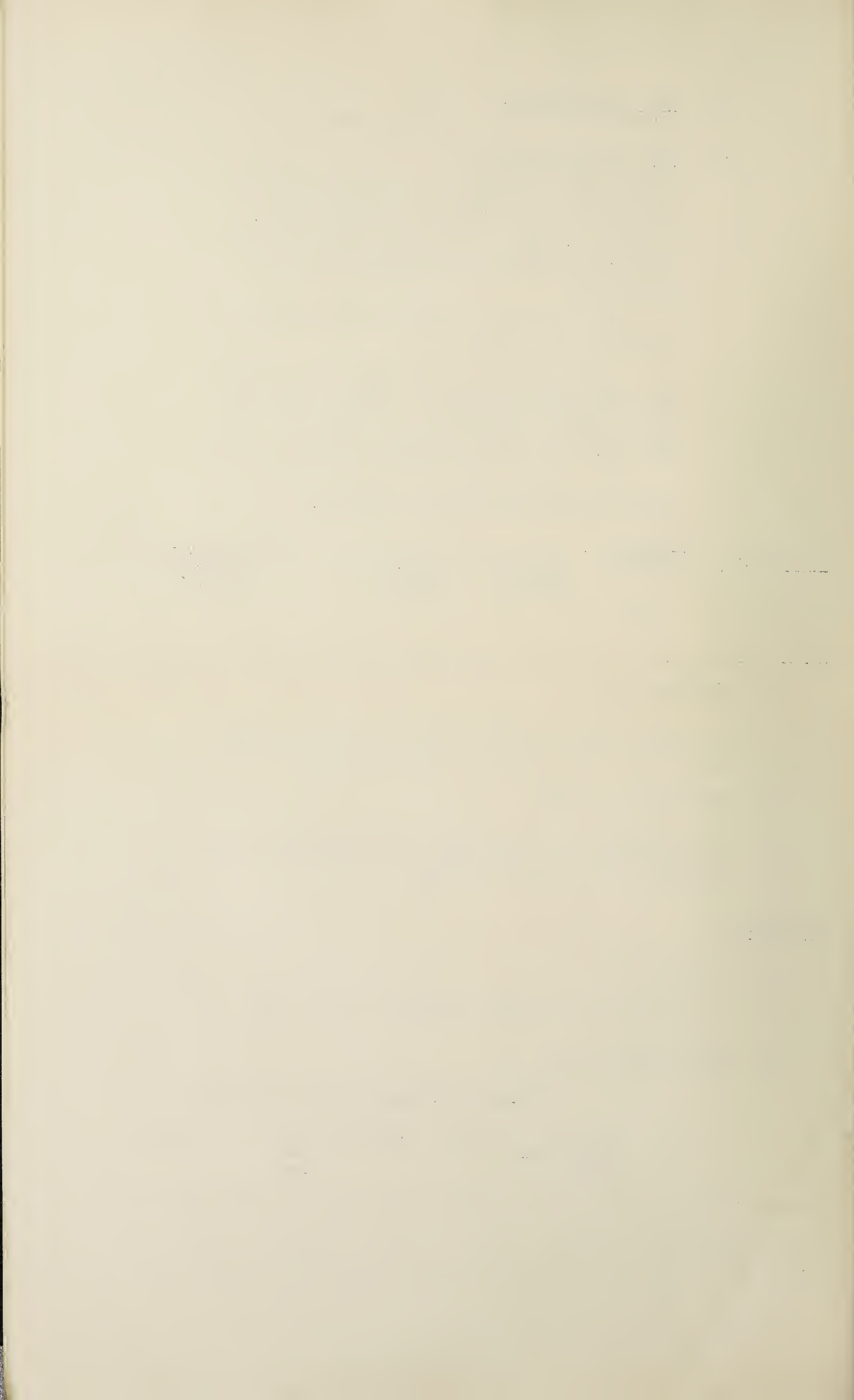
1. Milk Supply.

There are no milk producers within the Urban Area.

2. Meat Inspection.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding</u> <u>Cows.</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number Killed	1082(5E)	110(3E)	47(41E)	2970(59E)	530(142E)
Number Inspected	1082	110	47	2970	530



	<u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding</u> <u>Cows</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2(1E)	-	7(2E)	10(9E)	14(E)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	558(1E)	15	2(1E)	39	42(17E)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	51.76%	13.64%	19.15%	1.65%	10.57%

Tuberculosis Only.

Whole carcass condemned	6	6	1(E)	-	2(1E)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	116	9	-	-	19(1E)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	11.27%	13.64%	2.13%	-	3.96%

(E) - Emergency Slaughter.

3. Other Foods.

Condemnation Notes were issued in respect
of the following foodstuffs found on
inspection to be unfit for human consumption:-

Tins of Ham	14
Meat	45
Fish	6
Fruit	85
Vegetables	43
Jam	8
Milk	15

Miscellaneous Foods:-

Castor Sugar	3 lbs.
Sausages	57 lbs.
Steak Pies	6

4. Food Preparation.

(a) Food preparation premises.

Number of visits paid	43
Number of defects found and remedied	7

(b) Cafe and Hotel Kitchens.

Number of visits paid	62
Number of defects found and remedied	15

5. Ice Cream Premises.

Number of visits paid	81
Number of defects found and remedied	9

SECTION F.

Existing facilities for typing pneumococci and provision of appropriate type sera: NONE .

Notifiable Diseases during 1952.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-
Measles	7	-	-
Jaundice	6	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

It has not been necessary to take any action.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1951.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>		<u>Non Respiratory.</u>	
	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non Respiratory</u>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	1
15-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65- and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	1	-	1

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